



Welcome to St. Mark's Chapel

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

The Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 5, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

"To God We Render Thanks and Praise"

J.S. Bach, BWV 602

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Praise

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

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Liturgy of the Word

Advent Lucinarium

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; **those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shone, to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light.** Jesus spoke, saying **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."** Amen.

The Word of God

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Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP, page 355

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion

#S-102 Hymnal 1982

The Collect

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, **who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:** Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,

that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16

Blessed be the God of Israel

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**Canticle of Zechariah
(Benedictus)**

Response

Antiphon: Robert Fryson, 1994

You will have joy and gladness.

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Blessed be the Sovereign God of Israel,
who has looked favorably on
the people and redeemed them.

God has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of God's servant David;

as God spoke through the mouth of the holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. *R*

Thus God has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered God's holy covenant,
the oath that God swore to our ancestor Abraham,

to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness before God all our days. *R*

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before God to prepare God's ways;

to give knowledge of salvation to the people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in night and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace. *R*

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Brian D. Blayer

The Nicene Creed

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All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People Form (All standing)

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In this season of Advent where our Redeemer brings us new hope, let us pray to our Maker saying: ***Renew our hope in You.***

Eternal God, we pray that Your grace would be realized in Your Church throughout the world, that we would be a beacon of light and source of goodness to all Your creation.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Renew our hope in You.***

Inspire our elected officials and the citizens of this land to seek Your ways above all others that we may live in peace and prosperity all our days.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Renew our hope in You.***

Help us increase justice in this world that the oppressed may be set free, the poor rise up, and outcasts be loved as Your children.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Renew our hope in You.***

Bless this parish community and all who live in this neighborhood that we might love our neighbors as ourselves and welcome the stranger into our midst.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Renew our hope in You.***

Make your presence known to all who suffer from grief, sickness, or loss, that they may know the consolation of your love and have the strength to meet the days ahead. We pray especially for: Rich, Janet, John Paul and for all those we mention now either silently or aloud _____.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Renew our hope in You.***

Be with those who grieve the loss of a loved one and accept our humble thanks that through your son, our savior Jesus Christ, we have inherited your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for those we may now mention, silently or aloud _____.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Renew our hope in You.***

Confession of Sin (All are invited to kneel.)

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

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Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace (*Please remain in your seat*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

"Comfort, comfort ye my people"

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come forward for communion.

Please form a line down the center, respecting safe distance protocols of 3 feet.

After receiving the bread, please proceed to the left or right to receive the wine from a Eucharistic Minister. Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem

"Shalom"

arr. Forrest

Postcommunion Prayer (Please Stand)

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All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Presider: The blessing of God Almighty, our creator, redeemer, and sanctifier be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Mission Hymn*"I Want to Be Ready"*

#7 LEVAS

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude*"O Hail This Brightest Day of Days"*

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Announcements**FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS: Advent wreath making and stewardship gathering**

Today, December 5th, following 10AM Worship

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All funds and diapers donated benefit:

St. Mark's Diaper Bank

Dates: December 5-25, 2021

SUNDAY MINISTERS

If you would like to sign up but do not want to use Signup Genius, please call the office.

There is also a sign-up sheet in the Goodwin Hall.

3 WAYS TO GIVE

Church: Outdoor Secure Mailbox; Mail: 42 N Eagleville Rd, Storrs, CT 06268

MyWell: Online: mywell.org/give/stmarkschapel or Text: stmarkschapel to 40101

SAVE THE DATES

December 17th: Lessons and Carols at 7PM

December 24th: Christmas Eve Services 5PM & 9PM

December 25th: Christmas Day Service 9AM